

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. By this amendment, claims 6, 7, and 10 are canceled, claim 8 is amended, thereby leaving claims 1-5, 9, and 11-13 unchanged. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5 and 11-13 are allowed and that claim 8 contains allowable subject matter.

Claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,147,051 issued to Birr et al. Claim 10 is objected to by the Examiner as being incomplete and is rejected by the Examiner for several additional reasons. Firstly, the Examiner rejected claim 10 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Secondly, the Examiner rejected claim 10 as having insufficient antecedent basis for two separate limitations therein. Claim 8 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

Applicant has amended claim 8 by rewriting claim 8 in independent form including all of the limitations in base claim 6 and intervening claim 7, therefore making claim 8 allowable. Claim 9 depends from independent claim 8 and is therefore allowable for the same and other reasons. Applicant has cancelled claims 6, 7, and 10, thereby making the rejections of claims 6, 7, and 10 moot in view of the cancellations.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of claims 1-5, 8, 9, and 11-13 are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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